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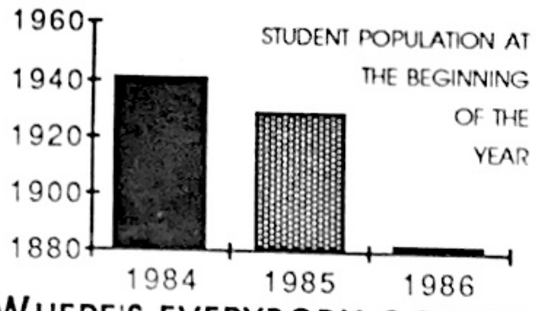
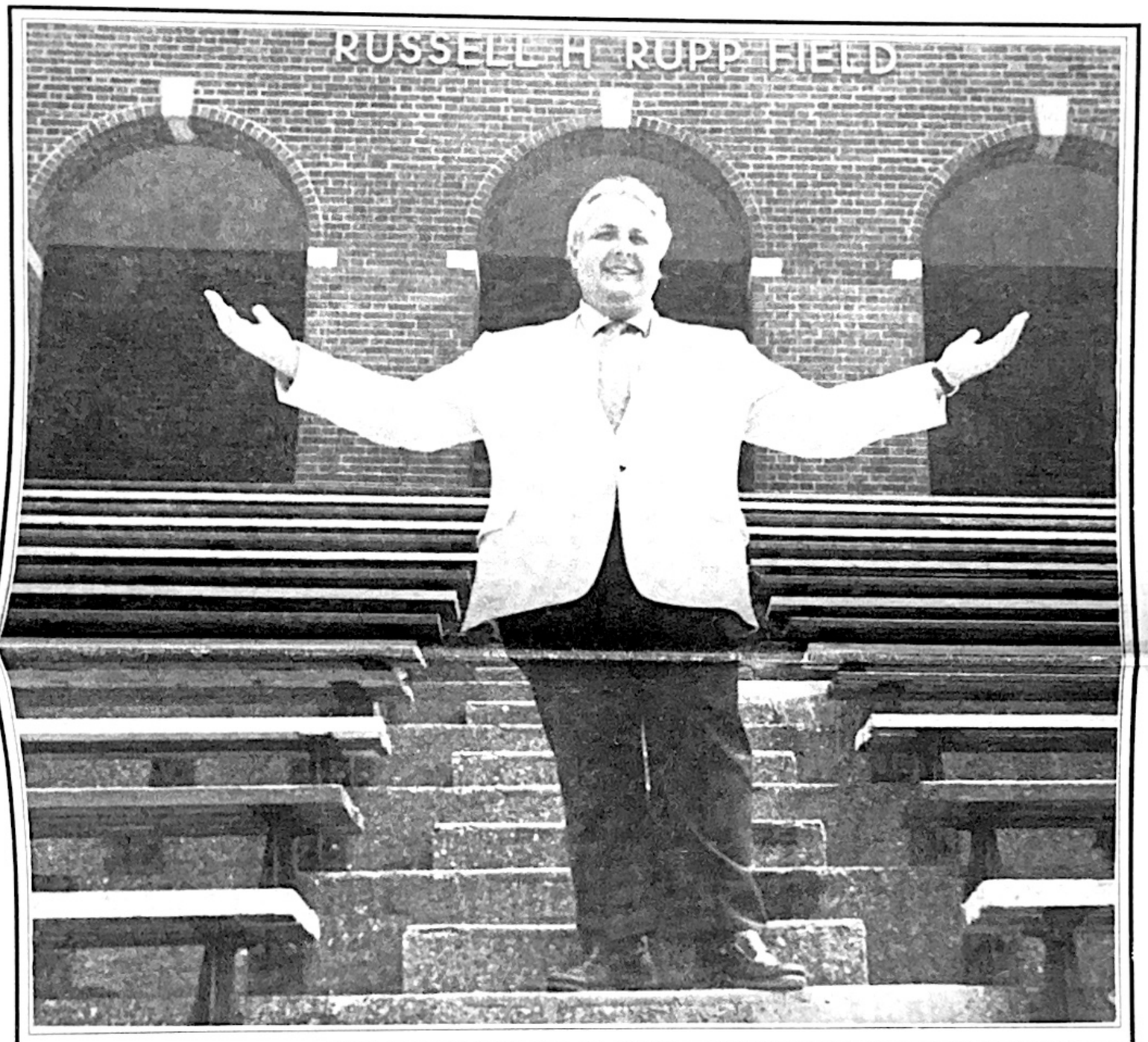


WHERE'S EVERYBODY GOING?

True to school board findings, student population is decreasing. This summer, school officials estimated there would be 1,756 students at the high school during the year, a 185 student drop-off when compared to statistics from two years ago.



WHERE ARE ALL MY KIDS? THIS SUMMER, FIRST YEAR PRINCIPAL DR. JACK RUMBAUGH WAS ITCHING FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR TO BEGIN. HE BROUGHT A BURST OF ENTHUSIASM AND LOADS OF CHANGES TO THE SCHOOL. RUMBAUGH IMPLIED THAT HE DOES NOT LIKE TO BE A SPECTATOR; HE LIKES TO MAKE THINGS HAPPEN. *PHOTO BY DANIEL ROSENZWEIG*

Security upgraded

BY SCOTT GOLDSTEIN
Staff Reporter

As the 1987-88 school year begins, several new policies are being implemented in an effort to upgrade security at the high school.

First, all Shaker students will be required to pay a one-time fee of $6.50 as a deposit for a Master dead-bolt combination lock to be provided by the school. Without this payment, students have no usage of any locker space. They are expected to use this lock on their designated locker for their entire four years at the high school. When each student graduates, he or she will receive a full refund for the deposit.

School principal Dr. Jack Rumbaugh, who brings with him a firm policy against theft and unnecessary movement in the halls, said the heavy-duty, dead-bolt locks should help considerably in an attempt to cut down on the number of break-ins, seeing that they are "almost impossible to break."

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Another protective measure beginning this fall involves the steel gates located in certain hallways and most stairwells. The administration will have them lowered promptly at 4 p.m. every school day. Therefore, students involved in extra-curricular activities will have to remove necessary materials from their lockers before this time.

The third policy aimed at keeping the hallways clear will involve the high school social room next to the girls' gym. Students, especially seniors, are expected to report to the social room during unassigned periods. Rumbaugh warned that students will not be able to idly wander throughout the school's halls this year.

Hogue, Hoskins plan to revitalize school spirit

Two veteran teachers take over student government

BY JULIE ALFRED
News Editor

Student government faces major changes in its goals and attitudes this year as math teacher Dennis Hogue and science teacher Mark Hoskins, co-advisers of the new program, plan to move the organization into a more positive position of influence and leadership. Both have been in charge of student council before.

Hogue and Hoskins replace Kenneth Norris, former School Within A School director and science teacher, who has led student council for the past two years.

"We want to have positive influences on kids' attitudes, so they come to school not just because they have to, but because they say, 'hey, it's not so bad here.' When kids want to be here, it makes teachers' jobs much easier," said Hogue.

Last spring, Hoskins recognized the need for changes in student government and approached Hogue. Remembering successful student councils of past years and with an attitude of "something's got to be done," the two debated whether or not their ideas could become realities. After confirmation from principal Dr. Jack Rumbaugh, plans began to form.

Opening with free ice cream sundaes for the students after the first few weeks of school, Hogue and Hoskins are organizing to present prominent, interesting speakers to students, at least one carnival in October and bands or movies during lunch periods. Service-oriented projects like the Bloodmobile, the United Way campaign and food collections will continue, Hogue said.

The school has had problems in the past with election assemblies and, in recent years, took away the candidates' opportunity to speak to the student body. That turned the elections, most students believed, into a "popularity race." Instead of the traditional school-wide elections for central council president, vice president, secretary and treasurer, the ten-member executive board will be chosen by homeroom representatives.

This year's central council members will receive academic credit for the hours of service to the organization.

"It's a move in a positive direction to tell representatives not only they've been selected as the top kids, but that they'll receive credit for this job," Hogue said. "And it's a job, it's time spent."

During the first few weeks of school, homeroom elections will be held to choose student government representatives, who, in turn, will vote four seniors, three juniors, two sophomores and one freshman to the executive board. The president, or chairman of the board, will be chosen from one of the four seniors. Students not elected in homeroom, but with a genuine interest in student government, will be added to the group of representatives, Hogue said.

Rumbaugh insists he has not already formed goals for student council and plans not to until he has met with Hogue, Hoskins and the council. He stressed, however, that there are times when it is appropriate to have fun—to sit back and enjoy the high school environment.

"I'd like to see some school spirit and pride injected into that environment," Rumbaugh said.

That, essentially, is what the two new leaders of student government would like central council to achieve.

Social room new hub of activities

BY JULIE ALFRED
News Editor

No longer the home of in-school suspension, the social room has metamorphosed into a senior lounge and student center complex. Using the room in conjunction with the high school, the Recreation Department will offer activities, dances and a place for teens to come and plan their own activities after school and on weekends.

"The student center complex will better the school and Rec Department's relationship, a partnership we've missed for a long time," said principal Dr. Jack Rumbaugh.

After school on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, the social room will house the Teen Center, relocated from Woodbury. It will also open on Saturdays after the football season.

Rumbaugh calls it a "structured, but fun, program for kids to be involved in," featuring the use of the social room, girls gym, dance room and pool. Dances, offered jointly by the school and the Teen Center, will add to the program.

Recreation Department director Ronald Dumke believes the needs of the high school can be better met with the student center complex.

In addition to Teen Center use, the social room will be open during school hours as a lounge to all students periods one and eight, but will be "seniors only" second through seventh periods.

Under the supervision of a teacher, no music will be allowed and once a student enters the social room, "you're there for the period—you can't come and go," according to Rumbaugh. *Also, there will be a quiet area and a talking area. "There will be as little structure as possible," Rumbaugh said.*

The social room offers Coke and candy machines, ping-pong tables, the possibility of a pool table and various edibles sold by clubs. Since fund raising sales will no longer be held in the cafeteria, clubs can sign up to sell in the social room.

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Kutil, Bryant replace Ney, Shuckerow

SCHOOL NEWS
the BRIEF
THOUGHT

The high school welcomes two new staff members, both Shaker graduates. Alice Kutil replaces retiring staff assistant Loretta Ney and David Bryant assumes Tim Shuckerow's art classes. Shuckerow accepted a position as a part-time professor and part-time administrator at Case Western Reserve University. Norma Joseph left the theater department to return to broadcasting. Shifting within the system, French teacher Renata Griffin joins the faculty from the middle school and former guidance counselor Bob Annandale is now school Chemical Concerns Coordinator. Formerly with the Occupational Work Adjustment program, Carol Bartlett is now a home economics teacher.

TWO MINUTE WARNING

To correct a state finding that the school's laboratory science program is two minutes short, five periods have been lengthened by two minutes each, making the school day 10 minutes longer, Principal Jack Rumbaugh said.

PARTING WAYS. ART TEACHER TIM SHUCKEROW HAS LEFT FOR CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY TO SERVE AS A PART-TIME PROFESSOR AND ADMINISTRATOR. HE WAS REPLACED BY DAVID BRYANT. *PHOTO BY DANIEL ROSENZWEIG.*

CH-CH-CHANGES

The main office has been redecorated and reorganized. Secretaries are separated into four "satellite" areas, two on each side of the counter, to eliminate traffic problems. The faculty mailbox is now arranged so that mail can be loaded on the office side and removed from the hallway side. Also, the large counter has been straightened and extended nearly the entire length of the room. The color scheme is now gray and crimson, instead of blue and white. "Those are Parma colors, blue and white," Rumbaugh said.

EAST-WEST RELATIONS

Two teachers from the People's Republic of China have joined the faculty. Zhang Shenglin and Gao Jian-Ning are helping with the Area Studies class focused on China and will be attending classes to observe American education.

CANNED GOODS

Four large garbage cans have been installed around the campus as part of the continuing effort to eliminate litter. The cans cost a total of $1400, with two on Aldersyde, one outside of the egress and one in the north parking lot.

BE CAREFUL, SHE MAY SHOOT

Renowned photographer Jenny Jones will be giving a nine part lecture series at the high school "to bring arts, culture and history alive in the classroom," according to Rumbaugh. Jones recently published a photographic book of Cleveland sights and uses slides from her worldwide travels in her presentations.

FAMOUS AMOS

The Shaker Hall of Fame, created last year to honor outstanding high school alumni, will be housed in the egress beginning late fall or early winter. Plaques and pictures, some made by a Shaker parent, will line the walls.

TEACHING ONE MORE. NEWBORN ROBYN ARSHAM HAD A TOUGH TIME SITTING IN ON THIS PHOTO WITH HER OLDER SISTER ELIZABETH AND HER MOM, MATH TEACHER BARBARA ARSHAM. *PHOTO BY JEREMY ROSENZWEIG.*

WHAT A SUMMER

Weddings and birth announcements: Social studies teacher Bob Wonson married Maryann Wengryniuk on July 18, physical education teacher John Schwartz and English teacher Marianne Borland were married June 13 and math teacher Ovella Roulette married *heath teacher Hubert McIntyre Aug. 7. Math* teachers Michele Strahsburg and Barbara Arsham each had baby girls.

SMOKIN' IN THE BOYS ROOM

Workmen discovered three minor fires within the school on Aug. 25 and fire officials assume they were intentionally set. Two of the fires were in bathrooms while the third was in a second floor science room. Taking further precautions, smoke and heat detectors will be installed with state-of-the-art electronics and monthly fire drills will be held.

—FROM STAFF REPORTS—

GETTING READY

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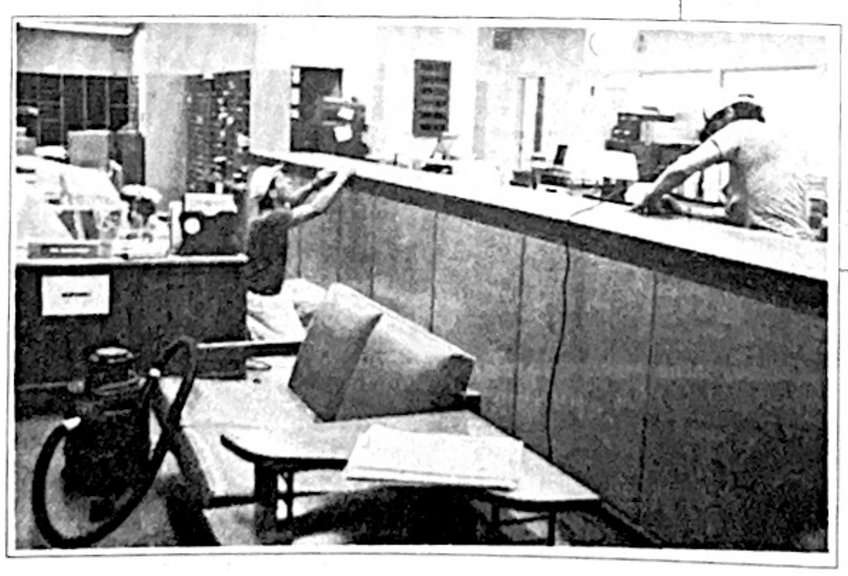

MOWING 'EM DOWN. IN AUGUST, THE ATHLETIC FIELDS HAD TO BE IN MID-SEASON FORM. THE HIGH SCHOOL FACILITIES HAD TO BE MOWED AND LINED IN PREPARATION FOR FALL SPORTS. *PHOTO BY DANIEL ROSENZWEIG.*

New school policy locks students out

STAFF EDITORIAL
the RITE THOUGHT

Although only one week has passed since the beginning of school, the changes Principal Dr. Jack Rumbaugh has initiated have already become quite clear.

The most obvious changes have been the new system of purchasing locks, the new attendance policies, as well as the more stringent rules against radios, walkmen and hats brought into the building. Hopefully, many of these new policies will help students and faculty avoid some of the hassles which have occured in previous years.

One new restriction, however, has both students and faculty extremely worried. The concern lies, of course, with the new administration's insistence on closing the building and locking the gates at 4 p.m.

The idea is sound in itself. Students who just "hang around" school after hours are often caught causing trouble on or around school grounds and shutting the school off to them will force them to go elsewhere.

It seems especially ironic that the school is now closing its doors to those students who are participating in a club or trying to improve their schoolwork.

However, there are many students who stay in the building long past 4 p.m. for important reasons and they are now being forced to leave the school.

First of all, many student-teacher conferences are held long past 4 p.m., and with school now ending at 3:30 p.m., conferences are limited to a half-hour.

Secondly, the numerous clubs Shaker offers to students often meet past the new "closing time," and members deserve the right to walk the halls after hours without worrying about whether or not they will be able to retrieve books from their lockers or whether they will be caught by security.

Even if the administration was to force student club members to wear ID badges in order to avoid clashes with security or to grant teachers keys to help students staying after to get through gates, it would be better than completely locking everyone out of the building.

Overall, Rumbaugh's changes in school policy have been positive and will hopefully benefit students and staff. However, it seems especially ironic that the school is now closing its doors to those students who are participating in a club or trying to improve their schoolwork.

Hazing proves hazardous to all

Due to a decline in population and economic concerns, the school system underwent radical changes at the beginning of the 1985-86 school year.

First, Woodbury Junior High was closed. Then, Byron Junior High became Shaker Middle School housing all the seventh and eighth graders in the Shaker Heights School District.

Finally, this chain of events sent the class of '89 packing along with the class of '88 to become SHHS's first freshman class ever. Expecting to reign as the top dogs at junior high, these bewildered ninth graders instead became the "whipping boys" of the high school.

The following year a new freshman class arrived, the class of '90, and was treated, or should we say mistreated, in similar fashion.

At first, the hazing of freshman was both humorous and harmless, consisting of a witty comment or observation that drew laughter. As time progressed, so has the hazing. In fact, hazing has almost become a sport. Presently, whole teams of students surround defenseless freshman hurling everything from put-downs to punches at the poor souls.

Freshman hazing has gotten out of hand. Last year, one freshman was tossed into a giant garbage dumpster. This type of hazing is not fun, but rather dispicable. Freshman hazing, more than likely, cost us a pep rally last year, and if not controlled, may do so again. Furthermore, the administration claims it will take disciplinary actions towards those caught hazing freshman. It is a problem that has strayed far from humor.

Rite Aid adopts wrong hours

When Rite Aid bought out Gray Drug in July, many felt little or no loss because they realized it was the hours that kept them coming back, not the sign in front of the building. These were their feelings until the unexpected night when they found the doors to the store locked at 11 p.m. and a sign with the dreaded words NEW HOURS. The sad reality is that Shaker has lost its only 24 hour store.

Suzanne Mead, executive assistant to the Chairman of the board of Rite Aid Corporation explained that the decision to cut back the hours was not a thoughtless or hasty one.

A study was taken on business done during the hours of 11 p.m. to 9 a.m. It revealed that a small percentage of business was done at Gray Drug during these hours.

"To keep the store open during the hours of 11 p.m. and 9 a.m. is not cost effective. If we're losing money, eventually the cost will be passed on to the customers in higher prices," Mead said.

The new hours at the Van Aken branch stay open until 11 p.m. on all nights except Sunday, while most Rite Aid stores are closed by 9 p.m. Several appreciate those extra two hours and respect the decisions made by Rite Aid.

However, teenagers and residents in this community consider it a significant loss, as they use it for an escape or last resort for those nights when there is nothing left to do but sit on the Gray Drug benches, pig-out, and find a suction-cup shooting gun for $1.50 to provide entertainment

Our household and personal necessities do not only present themselves between the limited hours of 9 a.m. and 11 p.m. Even though the business performed after these hours may have been insignificant on the broad scale of things, many customers are still taken aback by the new hours after the store has closed each night.

Many would rather pay the extra pennies for the luxury of a nearby 24 hour store.

The communtiy may not have been successful the first time in expressing the necessity of a 24 hour store, but the chance is once again open. If enough residents express that they will provide the patronage to support extended hours at Rite Aid, reconsideration of the hours is possible.

Any concerns can be expressed directly to Rite Aid in the form of a letter addressed to:

Suzanne Mead
c/o Rite Aid Corp.
P.O. Box 3165
Harrisburg, PA 17105

A letter from the editor

We're back! This issue marks the earliest date in the school year that the Shakerite, now in its 58th year, has been published.

No classes were in session when the information was gathered, which made our jobs much harder than usual.

Also, Ian Johnson, our Centerpiece Editor, informed us that he will move to New York in September.

Despite all of this, we believe quality did not take a back seat.

As the year develops, among other things, the staff will strive towards four major goals.

First and foremost, we want the newspaper to be representative of the entire student body. While being thought-provoking and entertaining, the Shakerite will be sure to make more informed citizens of the student body. Another of our goals is to tackle, not dodge, the issues that confront students each and every day. Lastly, by year's end, we want the Shakerite to be taken seriously by the students, the community and the top journalism associations across the country.

The product is only as good as the people that make it up; for that reason, we hope this year will be among the Shakerite'sbest.

Our staff has a national reputation for journalism. Most recently, we were given a Medalist Honor, the highest possible, by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

None of the aforementioned goals can be reached without your cooperation. We put endless hours of work into the paper and, in turn, expect to hear from you.

Thanks, in advance, for your help.

PETER NAGUSKY
Editor-in-Chief

P.S. We strongly encourage our readers to support our advertisers.

Drossin writes of education

To the Editor:

Here in Shaker Heights, for the past six years, I and others like me have organized grassroots political groups. A few of you have joined us; many, many of your parents have joined us, also. In a system unique only to members of the free world, we have fought to bring about change where we believed change was needed. The good results of our efforts are everywhere in Shaker. Both in the school reorginization plan and in the physical plan of the library system may be found the seeds of change which we planted.

It is my dearest hope that, during the course of your high school studies, you will learn from your teachers, question what needs questioning, and above all, make sure that in every issue, in every pronouncement, and in every debate and choice, you avail yourselves of material from all sides and possibilities. By doing this, you will have succeeded in securing for yourselves not only a good educational background, but a mind attuned to the several nuances of the American political process and the fine points of its continuing development.

BARBARA WOLPAW DROSSIN
Shaker Heights resident

This issue, for and about the students of Shaker Heights High School, is the first one of the 1987-88 school year.

The Shakerite serves to supplement the educational environment of the high school by providing an informative and entertaining source of news to the school and all of its components. It is also a forum for student viewpoints and a laboratory for journalism, photography and art.

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ASSESSING THE HIGH SCHOOL: "DIVERSITY" CAPTURES THE ESSENCE OF THE RESULTS OF A SHAKERITE SURVEY TAKEN LAST JUNE. APPROXIMATELY 100 STUDENTS RESPONDED TO QUESTIONS CONCERNING MANY FACETS OF STUDENT LIFE AT SHAKER. A VARIETY OF STUDENT INTERESTS, OPINIONS, CONCERNS AND PRAISES WERE EXPRESSED ABOUT THE SCHOOL. ALTHOUGH DISSENTING VIEWS VERY OFTEN SURFACED, THE DIAGNOSIS OF THE PLACE WHERE STUDENTS SPEND NEARLY 1000 HOURS ANNUALLY WAS OVERWHELMINGLY POSITIVE. THIS CENTERPIECE DETAILS THE SPECIFIC VIEWS VOICED THROUGH THIS SURVEY.

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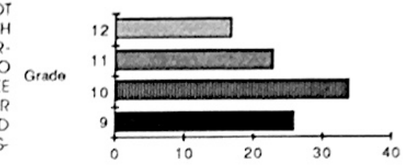

High school stacks up

School makes the grade as students put it to the test

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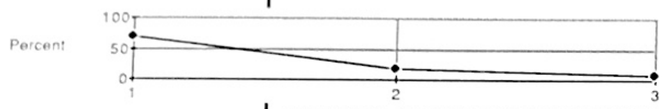

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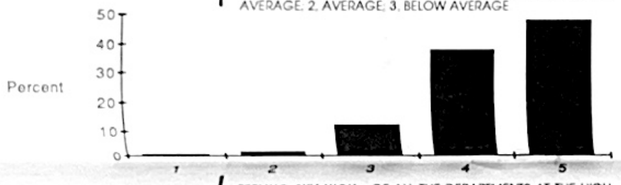


FEELING SKY HIGH. OF ALL THE DEPARTMENTS AT THE HIGH SCHOOL, ENGLISH SCORED THE HIGHEST WITH THE STUDENTS. HERE IS HOW THEY RATED IT FROM ONE TO FIVE.

About a decade ago, Money magazine listed Shaker Heights High School as one of the 12 best high schools in the nation. Since then, Shaker has enjoyed national recognition for its excellence in education. In an extensive Shakerite survey taken last June, approximately 100 students representing all four grade levels, were asked about various aspects of student life at Shaker. While 66 percent of those polled felt the school was deserving of its first-rate reputation, 34 percent disagreed. Students noted many non-academic activities were below par, but on the whole, academics were recognized as Shaker's strength.

It was apparent that the school's strengths are widely distributed. Of the eight departments rated, in all but two, the majority of students felt they were above standard. The Fine Arts department was noted as one of the strongest with 41 percent rating it as excellent. The English department was the most highly acclaimed with an overwhelming 86 percent rating it as good or excellent.

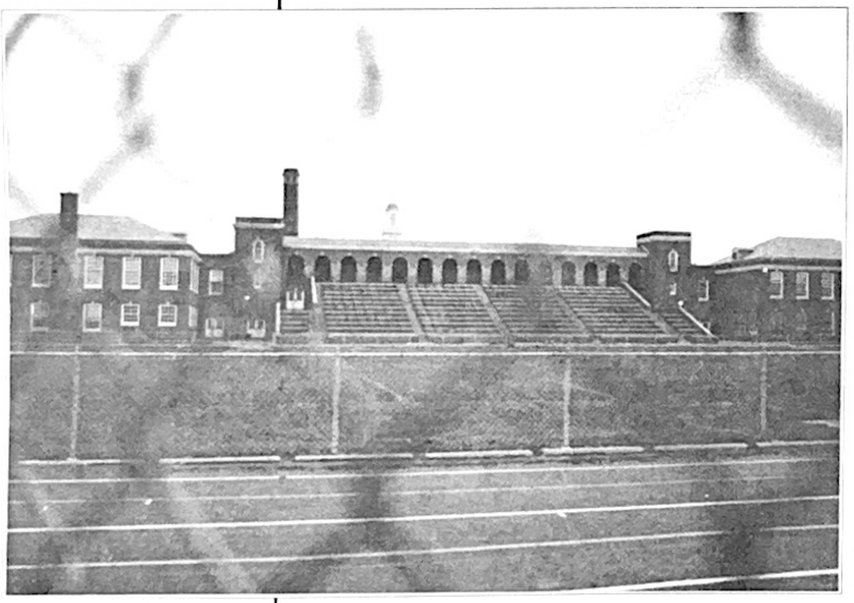
Shaker's teaching staff was greatly lauded when students were asked to name the most effective teacher they had had at the high school. Over 40 names were mentioned with good representation in each department, showing that the school's teaching strength is well distributed.

Eighty-nine percent of students surveyed found teachers were generally available for extra help when needed. Students said teachers usually tell classes where they can be found after school and pointed to the tutoring center as another means of getting help.

Shaker's leveling system was generally regarded as being beneficial with less than 10 percent of students surveyed feeling it was below average. The students who criticized the system felt that those in the upper level classes generally profit more than the lower levels. Others questioned why many level 4 classes are not offered after their sophomore year.

Outside the realm of academics, students had more complaints. Aside from the age-old gripes about parking and the like, students criticized the lack of school spirit, mentioned that rules are very easily avoided and felt that sports programs are often sacrificed to academics.

Overall, students were positive about Shaker. It is to the school's credit that the majority of complaints were based ournon-academic areas. Although the school environment should ideally foster growth in every aspect, its main purpose is to educate its students. Our June survey clearly showed the school system's ongoing committment to education has succeeded.



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MOWIN' 'EM DOWN. THE SYSTEM'S ANNUAL MAINTENANCE BUDGET OF APPROXIMATELY $1,800,000 INCLUDES ALL EXPENSES INCURRED BY THAT DEPARTMENT—EVERYTHING FROM PAPERCLIPS AND POSTAGE STAMPS TO TOW TRUCKS AND TORO LAWN MOWERS. *PHOTO BY DANIEL ROSENZWEIG.*

Maintaining school grounds

District equipped with 7 digits

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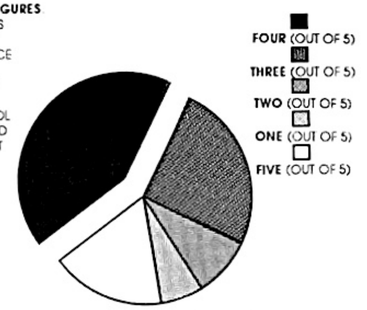

A strong majority of students were satisfied with the outward appearance of the building, according to survey results. The maintenance and upkeep of a building as old and as large as the high school is an ongoing, tremendously costly endeaver.

According to Bill Hager, business manager, numerous major repairs at the high school were attended to over the summer. A new fire alarm system was installed for $34,000, asbestos removal continued at a cost of $67,000, electrical repairs to the stadium were done for $3,500; $65,000 went towards improving the lighting system in the large auditorium, and the sprinkler system on the football field was renovated for $2,500. Many smaller repair jobs, as well as the annual thorough cleaning of the school, and numerous minor repairs were completed this summer.

The high school was not the only building attended to this summer. Each of the other buildings underwent similar changes such as replacing a gym floor at Woodbury and fixing sidewalks district wide. The annual budget for the maintenance department last year was $1,801,707. This figure includes custodians salaries, insurance, office supplies, cleaning supplies, repair costs and all other expenditures of this department.

In reference to the high school, Hager said, "We're not at the cosmetic point yet; we're still at the structural point. The high school is a real priority to us, We're putting a lot of time and money into the high school."

Hager said he would eventually like to do cosmetic work, but that it would still be a few years down the road.

Next summer the roof over the swimming pool area will be improved. Within a few years, the bleachers in the stadium will be capped with either aluminum or fiberglass, because maintaining wooden benches is quite costly. Phase four of the asbestos removal will also take place next summer.

As classes begin, creative student tactics seem to come back more easily than conjugating verbs

Brownnosing

BY AMY ROSEWATER
co-Feature Editor

"Is this apple shiny enough?"
"Did you like those cookies I baked you last week?"
"You look so great in red!"
Familiar?

With the beginning of school, students tactics, although rusty, seem to come back more easily than conjugating French verbs.

Are these signs of a genuine student-teacher relationship, or is it an attempt to pass Algebra II?

"Brownnosing is when a person makes an extra effort to make friends or to be nice to a teacher with the ulterior motive of receiving a good grade," said junior Jennie Pohl.

"Some students genuinely want to get to know a teacher, and it doesn't necessarily have to be considered brownnosing," pointed out Ellen Kelly, English teacher. "There's a fine line between brownnosing and being friendly. Brownnosing is excessive, and that's what makes it obvious."

Are excessive compliments and homemade cookies given simply out of generosity?

Not always for senior Martinique Adams, who claims that last year she racked up close to 100 bonus points by complimenting her teacher's daughter.

When talking about the subject, some teachers were amused, others were serious and some were oblivious.

"It's kind of humorous, because you know what's going on," chuckled Charles Longo, history teacher. "but sometimes I'm irritated by it."

"I lose respect for brownnosers. The trust I once had for the student is now broken," said science teacher, Mark Hoskins.

Like many students, junior Bonnie Bickerstaff gets upset when she notices classmates playing up to teachers. "It's the fact that they're trying to get better grades and influence their teachers."

A few students like to make the brownnoser aware of his actions by rubbing their noses, signifying that the student has just committed the serious crime of brownnosing. Or they make "smootching" sounds, implying that the student is "kissing up" to the teacher. Some will even hand out verbal abuse to the offender.

According to seniors Jackie Chaplin and Pam Billingsley, if a student does his work and hands it in, the teachers will like him. They claim that brownnosing is not at all needed to get good grades.

Still, for those who continue to rely on using these strategies, Longo advises, "If you're going to bake cookies, bake chocolate chip."

Sushi, sashimi, squid: Class learns about Japan first hand

BY BETH STEVELBERG
Staff Reporter

Imagine spending a summer in an exotic land where East meets West and old customs combine with new traditions, creating a culture unquestionably foreign but surprisingly familiar.

For nine students and three teachers this fantasy became reality during a four week stay in Japan this summer. The trip included a tour of Tokyo, Kyoto, Osaka and Hiroshima, as well as a homestay in small villages and going to Takatori High School near Nara, Japan.

The overlapping of the old and new of Japan surprised many of the travelers.

"Tokyo is a very modern and industrial city, but it contains ancient shrines, as well as skyscrapers," said Katrina Schreiber, now a freshman at Cornell University.

The mix of modern and ancient items was also apparent in homes. The home where Matt Lehman, an '87 graduate stayed had a room with traditional straw mats, but it also had a microwave and other Western appliances. This allowed him to wine and dine on raw fish, as well as Microshakes.

"There was a lot to get used to," said Terry Pollack, social studies department head, who led the group along with William Newby, English department head, and Bonnie Morosi, social studies department head at Beachwood.

Some of the things that the group had to adapt to was the food which consisted mostly of rice patties, sushi, sashimi, octopus and squid. They also had to get used to soaking in a "very hot" hot tub every evening after a day of warm temperature. Students were also surprised to find the Japanese as friendly as they were.

According to Pollack, the stereotypes of the serious Japanese student were broken.

"It's true that they are very respectful and formal with teachers, but Japanese students don't sit on the edge of their seats," said Lehman. "They slouch too."

One of the highlights of the trip was one night in Hiroshima when the group went to the stadium to watch a baseball game, and they were invited to play. After five innings, the team from 9000 miles away was tied with a Japanese semi-professional team. Pollack proudly admitted that he pitched a superb game.

Present plans are to continue the Far East exchange program. This year the curriculum has shifted from Japan to China, with 149 people signed up for the class. Plans are already in gear for another summer trip.

Next summer, it looks like it will be egg rolls and pork in place of sushi and sashima.

AN EDUCATIONAL PAIR. MATH TEACHER OVELLA ROULETTE AND HEALTH EDUCATION TEACHER HUBERT MCINTYRE MARRIED ON AUG 7. THE TWO EXCHANGED VOWS ALMOST TWO MONTHS AFTER MCINTYRE POPPED IN ON A MATH STAFF MEETING TO MAKE HIS ROMANTIC PROPOSAL. *PHOTO BY JEREMY ROSENZWEIG.*

McIntyre plays his luck at Roulette

BY GRACE DE JESUS
Staff Reporter

Proposing while alone on a date would be too traditional, right? But, on the other hand, flying a plane with a banner stating "Will you marry me?" would be too showy. Hubert McIntyre, a health education teacher, pondered these methods and others during a recent dilemma, one of his most testing. How would he go about proposing to math teacher Ovella Roulette?

On June 9, McIntyre schemed up his plan. Uninvited, he crashed a party for the math department with a bouquet of flowers in his hand. Then, before a group of teachers, he romantically dropped to his knees and popped "the question" to Roulette.

Before long, the math staff had an accepting co-worker and a festive party on their hands.

"We were all astounded," said Judith Curran, the hostess of the party. "Then we clapped, I think... but we were so astounded I can't remember."

"We were all astounded," said one observer. "Then we clapped, I think..."

After the initial shock wore off, all the teachers rushed over to Roulette and offered to substitute for her summer school classes that afternoon.

"It was a wonderful example of supportiveness," Curran said of the staff's understanding after viewing the spectacle, "I've never seen such good support."

The couple said their "I do's" on Aug. 7 at Antioch Baptist Church.

"What wedding? Uh...oh, that wedding. We were married last Friday and we got divorced yesterday," McIntyre said jokingly.

One week after the ceremony, they were off to Hawaii for their week-long honeymoon.

The newlyweds do not anticipate any problems with working together at the high school.

"It'll be great," McIntyre said. "After all, we've been [working in the same building] for a year already."

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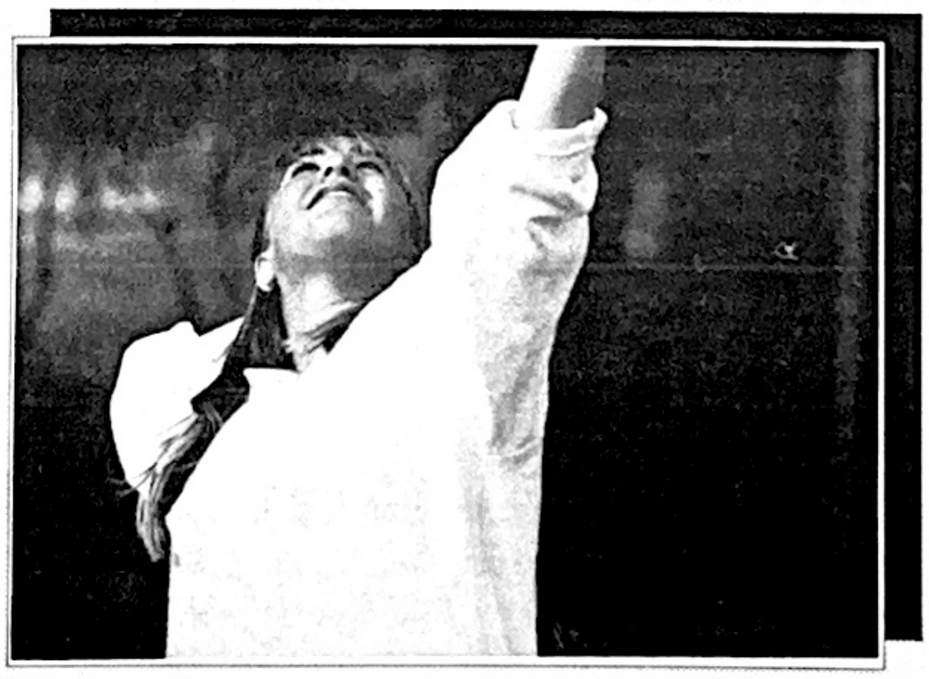


THINGS ARE LOOKING UP

40—LOVE. WITH THE START OF SCHOOL, ATHLETES LIKE TENNIS PLAYER JENNIE POHL HAVE A CHANCE TO GET A FRESH START ON MANY THINGS. FOR ATHLETES, FALL PRACTICES BEGAN IN MID-AUGUST FOR EACH SPORT. AS CLASSES BEGIN, SO DO NEW FRIENDSHIPS, EXTRA-CURRICULARS, SCHOOL FUNCTIONS AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES. *PHOTO BY DANIEL ROSENZWEIG.*

Young Raiders look to tackle lineup problems

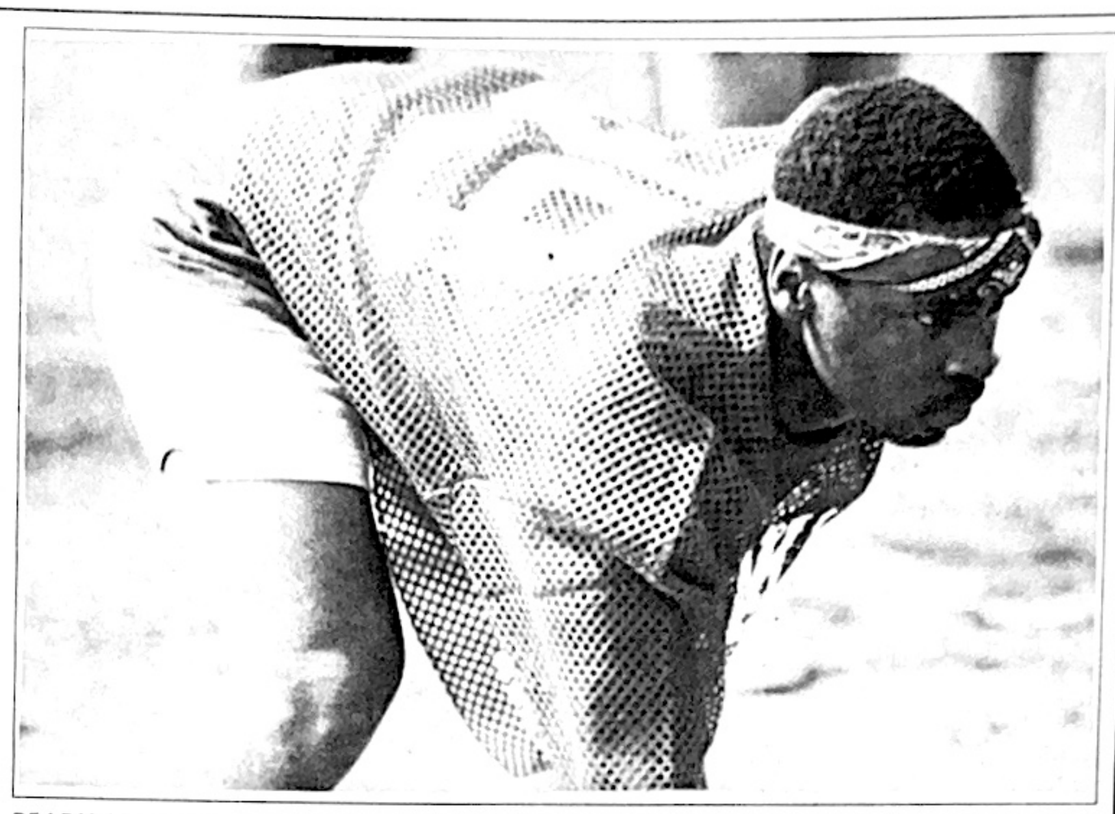
BY JONATHAN MESTER
Staff Reporter

Youth and inexperience are the words that best characterize the 1987 Red Raider football team. Nineteen players return from last season's 7-3 squad, which finished one desperation touchdown pass away from an LEL title. Yet of those 19, senior defensive backs Terry Mee and Nick Perry are the only returning starters, leaving holes in the lineup and a lack of game-experience on the field.

While both Mee and Perry figure to hold their spots defensively and see increased time on offense, the remaining positions were still uncertain as practice began Aug. 12. Head coach Al Raymond is not worried, however.

"Most of the positions will materialize when hitting drills start in late August," he said. "We'll find out then who wants to play."

Those expected to lead the hunt for starting spots include returning seniors Verlin Bonner, Steve Burry, Chris Cyrus, Terry Harris and Cornelius Jones. Several players from last year's 2-8 JV squad are sure to see action, such as junior Phil Turner, last year's starting punter.



READY AND SET? AS PRE-SEASON TRAINING COMES TO A CLOSE, VERLIN BONNER AND THE REST OF THE RAIDER SQUAD HOPE THEIR EFFORTS PROVED SUCCESSFUL IN FILLING THE GAPS IN THE STARTING LINEUP. *PHOTO BY DANIEL ROSENZWEIG*

Shaker opens its new season at home Sept. 5 against Bedford, before traveling to John Marshall the following Saturday. The Raiders round out their non-league schedule with a Friday night matchup in Solon on the 18th. The LEL opener will occur the following week when the Raiders face Parma Sept. 26 at Russell H. Rupp Field.

Although coach Raymond considers Valley Forge the team to beat this year, with Cleveland Heights and Shaw up there, he stresses it will be very competitive, with his team right in the thick of it.

"We can compete with anybody," said Raymond. "We should be in the race until the very end."

Performance key to '87 version of Big Red

SPORTS OPINION
the RAIDER THOUGHT

PETER NAGUSKY
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With two-a-days over and the last breaths being taken before the first whistle is blown to officially open the football season, it is time to see what to expect from the new team.

Raymond and his staff have quite a task ahead for this season, leaving a small Shaker team in jeopardy of finishing below in the standings to a sports squad from Parma. Valley Forge is no joke. They beat St. Ignatius last year and have several returning players. But still, the Red and White have to realize that Cleveland Heights and Shaw will always be in the race.

The QB Derby was a bore this summer when John Vrba went down with a back ailment. It left the job, virtually, in the hands of Nick Perry, a fleet-footed senior who started in the defensive backfield in '86.

The top three Raider ball carriers have been lost, most likely, for the entire season: Kermit Caves, Brian Draper and Marcus Green. That leaves a big load on the shoulders of seniors Verlin Bonner, a well-built track star, and Terry Mee, recently converted from end to halfback. Raymond has also moved Alan Freeman, a senior with untouchable shake-n-bake moves, into the backfield.

The offensive and defensive lines boast big bodies like Morris Watts, Cornelius Jones, Mark Joyner and Steve Burry, but are need of guards and defensive ends.

It'll be interesting to see if everything will come together by the season opener.

Still, there are so many unanswered questions, and if there is anybody who can supply the high school with all the right answers, it is Coach Raymond, now in his 32nd year.

Sure, in August, things are not in midseason form. But, with productive practices, execution could turn out to be the biggest strength of the 1987 Raider football team. Nothing on paper counts when the teams line up on Saturday mornings at Russell H. Rupp Field.

This group doesn't have the bodies of the playoff team of two years ago, but they have the minds. They have the attitude and the grit. They're just as hard-nosed and tough as any Shaker team, and it doesn't take a genius to figure out that performance wins ballgames.

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CLOSER LOOK

WHAT A POINT! TENNIS COACH AL SLAWSON (RIGHT) MAKES SURE TO THOROUGHLY GO OVER TECHNIQUE IN THE SUMMER PRACTICES. LAST FALL, SLAWSON COACHED THREE MEMBERS OF HIS TEAM ALL THE WAY TO THE STATE TOURNAMENT AND, AT SEASON'S END, HIS TEAM SWEPT VIRTUALLY EVERY HONOR IN THE LEAGUE. *PHOTO BY DANIEL ROSENZWEIG.*

COACH, GIVE ME A REST. WITH THE VOLLEYBALL TEAM (BELOW) PRACTICING SIX HOURS A DAY FOR A PORTION OF AUGUST, MANY PLAYERS HAD TO CATCH THEIR BREATH. AT TIMES, WORKOUTS GOT SO TIRING THAT SOME PLAYERS SAID AS SOON AS THEY GOT HOME, THEY'D "HIT THE SACK." *PHOTO BY DANIEL ROSENZWEIG.*

THIGH THERE. TWO-A-DAYS IN MIDDAY HEAT CAUSED MANY INJURIES, AND HELPED SOCCER PLAYER DAVID RHODES (BELOW, LEFT) TO THE SIDELINES WITH AN AGGRAVATED THIGH. *PHOTO BY DANIEL ROSENZWEIG.*

With two-a-days and the heat, things just are not the same in...

August practices

Where dreams of hat tricks and touchdowns are put on hold

BY PHILLIP TURNER
Staff Reporter

Long before the finest games of the fall sports season are played, Shaker athletes spend weeks in August preparing for the regular season. It's where dreams of hat tricks and touchdowns turn to agonizing sprints and boring drills.

The summer practices present a number of problems for anxious athletes.

Some of the athletes' schedules conflicted with pre-season practice. For senior Jessica White, sacrifices had to be made — and it wasn't going to be field hockey. White gave up her babysitting job in mid-August before starting training for the field hockey season.

Several practices started at 9 or 10 a.m., mostly to avoid the midday heat. Many members of fall sports teams agree that exhaustion out in the sun is not a problem. Soccer coach Baird Wiehe tries to avoid the problem by giving his players periodic water breaks.

"At first [early morning practices] were difficult to get used to. One, when I got up I knew what lay ahead. Two, I wasn't used to running at that time of the day," said sophomore Steve Lee, "All summer I trained by running in the evening."

Major emphasis is put on stretching before and after workouts. Erika Swanson, the setter on the volleyball team, was quick to point out the importance of being loose to avoid injuries.

"In practice, we jump and reach for the ball. If a player is tight, she can easily pull a muscle," stressed Swanson.

The soccer team ran into those problems, despite constant stretching. Before September, nearly a dozen players were on the sidelines with injuries. Many athletes try to avoid them by training before preseason starts.

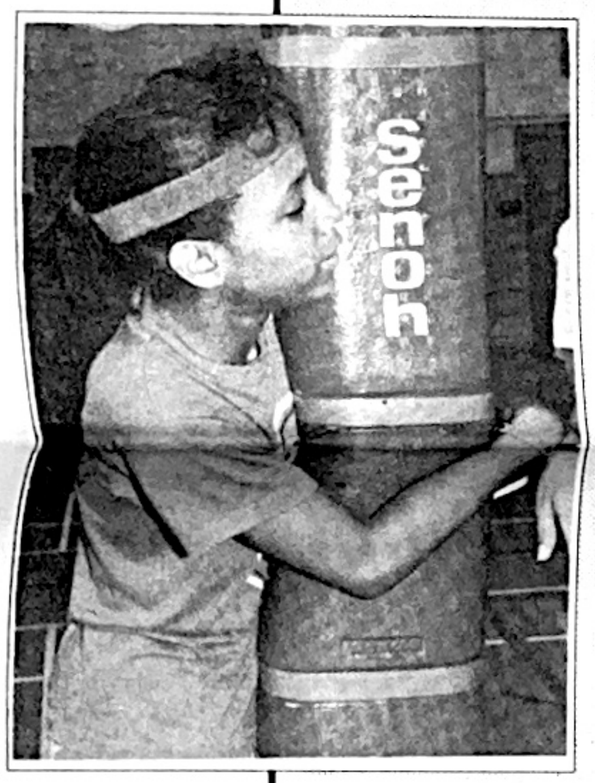
According to Alan Freeman, a fullback on the football team, lots of injuries occur because players are out of shape. He mentioned that football was special in that regard; without proper preparation, a player will soon find his way in the trainer's room.

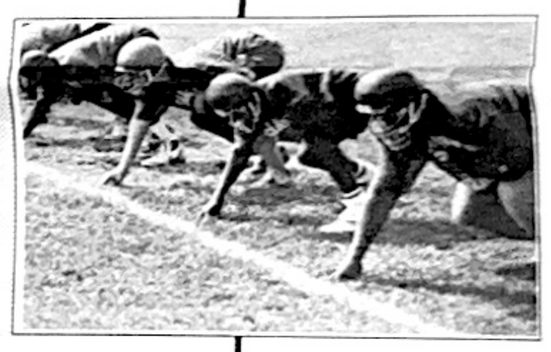
For veteran athletes itching to win the season opener, summer practices don't turn out to be everything they previously visualized it to be. The week or so is often time to tryout the younger players and get a good look at their capabilities. Because of it, most teams practice twice a day.

A lot of the time is used to prepare for the season, not start it. Lectures, drills, sprints and strategy become top priorities. At times, the tryouts become competitive and fierce, with students battling for the last sport on the team.

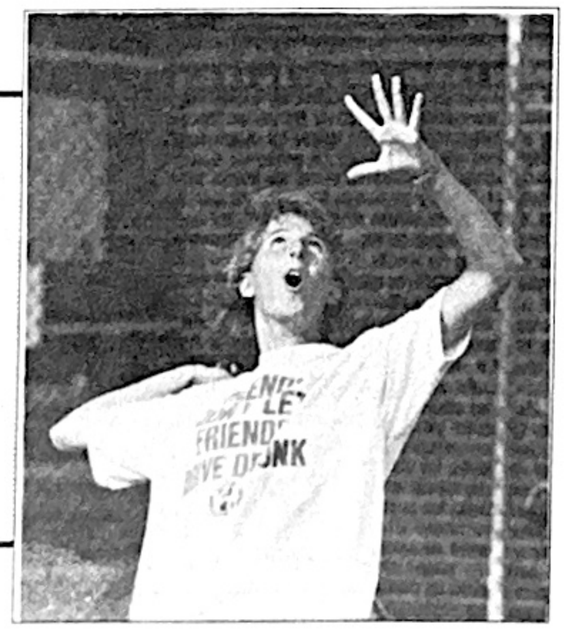
With the end of the summer practices comes the beginning of the new season and hope for an undefeated campaign. Sure, for many of the athletes, shedding sweat was not fun when the athletes could have been home watching cartoons with a Coke in their hand.

As the Red Raiders take the field this fall, however, they know that their team is only as good as they practice.





BEFORE ROLL WAS CALLED ON AUG. 27, RAIDER SPORTS TEAMS HAD WORKED NEARLY 300 HOURS TOGETHER; THAT'S MORE THAN A MILLION SECONDS.



CONCENTRATION. FOR SENIOR CHERYL FLINKER (LEFT) AND MANY ATHLETES LIKE HER, FIGHTING FOR A SPOT ON THE TEAM MEANT "GIVING IT YOUR ALL" DURING TRYOUTS. *PHOTO BY DANIEL ROSENZWEIG.*

HEY, THIS IS EASY! RUNNER ANDY STEVENS (ABOVE) MAKES SURE TO "LOOSEN UP" BEFORE HE SETS OUT. *PHOTO BY DANIEL ROSENZWEIG.*

LISTEN UP. IN PRESEASON, MANY FOOTBALL PLAYERS MUST GET DOWN ON ONE KNEE AND LISTEN TO COACHES LECTURE. FOOTBALL, ESPECIALLY, TOOK TIME OUT OF THE AUGUST PRACTICES TO GO OVER A LOT OF STRATEGY. *PHOTO BY JEREMY ROSENZWEIG.*

GO FOR IT. EFFORT WAS THE NAME OF SOCCER GOALKEEPER JON FRIEDMAN'S GAME (FAR LEFT) AS THE TEAM PREPARED FOR A SCRIMMAGE. *PHOTO BY JEREMY ROSENZWEIG.*

BOOT CAMP. SOME COACHES TAKE SUMMER WORKOUTS WITH TRAINING IN MIND. SOME ASSIGN SPRINTS (ABOVE, RIGHT) AS DRILL SERGEANTS AT HEART. *PHOTO BY DANIEL ROSENZWEIG.*